County V Interchange and County T Overpass Fond du Lac Bypass US 151 Fond du Lac County

Project ID 1420-22/23-71



Public Information Meeting

Tuesday June 24, 2014
5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Presentation at 5:15 p.m
University Commons, Room UC 114
UW-Fond du Lac
Fond du Lac, WI

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The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) welcomes you to this public information meeting for the proposed improvements to US 151 in the town of Empire, town of Fond du Lac and city of Fond du Lac in Fond du Lac County. WisDOT is planning this work to start in 2015 with completion in 2016.

Purpose of meeting

The purpose of tonight's meeting is to familiarize you with the details of the project and seek your input on the proposed improvements. The meeting will be conducted in an open house format. We encourage you to review the project information handout and the exhibits on display and direct questions or comments to any of the project representatives.

We want your comments

A public input form is attached to this handout for written comments. We appreciate your input and encourage you take a moment to complete the form and either drop it off before you leave or mail it to the address on the bottom of the form. Note that the comment form is also a prepaid mailer. Please return any comments by July 11, 2014 so that we may consider them in our design.

Project location and limits

The project is located at the intersection of US 151 and County V and County T on the south and east side of the city of Fond du Lac in Fond du Lac County. Project limits for the County V project are between existing County V and US 45 along US 151, and extend approximately 2,200 feet south of and a ¼ mile north of US 151 along County V. The project limits for the County T project are Country Lane on the west side to County K on the east side.

Project need

When the US 151 corridor opened as a four-lane expressway, it experienced higher than expected crashes at the at-grade intersections. As a means to improve safety, WisDOT installed slotted left turn lanes at the at-grade intersections which restricted the through movement on the side road intersections. A study was conducted to develop safety and access improvements for the entire corridor. With the input from the local stakeholders the decision was made to move forward with the proposed alternative.

The project involves the replacing the at-grade US 151 and County V intersection with a partial cloverleaf interchange. A frontage road will be constructed connecting County V and US 45. A roundabout will be constructed at the County V and frontage road intersection and one at each of the interchange ramp terminals. The existing "jug handle" ramps at US 45 will be removed. Prairie Trail will be relocated from its current location to the north side of the frontage road.

The existing at-grade US 151 and County T intersection will be replaced with an overpass with no direct access to US 151. Prairie Trail will be moved to go under the overpass structure with a connection to County T.

Typical roadway section and proposed improvements

The existing US 151 typical section consists of two 12-foot driving lanes bordered by a 6-foot inside shoulder and a 10-foot outside shoulder in both directions for a total of 4 driving lanes. The existing County V and County T typical section consists of two 12-foot driving lanes with 8 and 6-foot shoulders, respectively.

The proposed typical section for County V will be two 12-foot driving lanes with a 6-foot shoulder and curb and gutter for the area south of US 151. For County V north of US 151 an 8-foot shoulder will be used. With the proposed roundabouts and the overpass bridge several areas will have a raised curb median varying in width.

The proposed typical section for County T will be two 12-foot driving lanes with a 6-foot shoulder and curb and gutter.

Traffic control during construction

Traffic on US 151 will not be detoured during construction. There will be lane and shoulder closures during construction, but a minimum of one lane in each direction will remain open at all times.

Access at County V and US 45 will be maintained until the new interchange is opened in the fall of 2016. Reinhardt Road will be closed in the fall of 2015, re-aligned and re-opened later that year. A temporary trail will be constructed between the new bridge and US 151 to maintain connectivity for Prairie Trail.

County T will be closed when construction starts in July of 2015 and will not re-open until the fall of 2016. County T will be closed at Country Lane on the west side and at County K on the east side. Access to the County T residential properties west of US 151 will be maintained during construction.

Right of way needs

Right of way acquisitions are anticipated as part of this project.

- For the County V project approximately 32.5 acres will be acquired from 15 parcels.
- For the County T project approximately 5.8 acres will be acquired from 10 parcels.

A WisDOT real estate representative will be attending tonight's meeting. Contact information is provided below.

Schedule

The County V and County T projects are anticipated to start construction in July/August of 2015 and will be completed in late fall of 2016.

Other upcoming projects on US 151

There are additional projects planned along US 151 in the near future. The Ducharme Parkway intersection north of WIS 23 will be reconstructed with slotted left turn lanes similar to the existing intersection configurations at County T and County V. The Ducharme Parkway project will be constructed in the summer of 2015.

Public comments

Attached to this handout is a sheet for your written comments and concerns about the project. Please mail any written comments before July 11, 2014 using the pre-paid mailer or deposit in the comment box at tonight's meeting.

Future public meetings

Additional public meetings are not planned for this project.

For more information, please contact:

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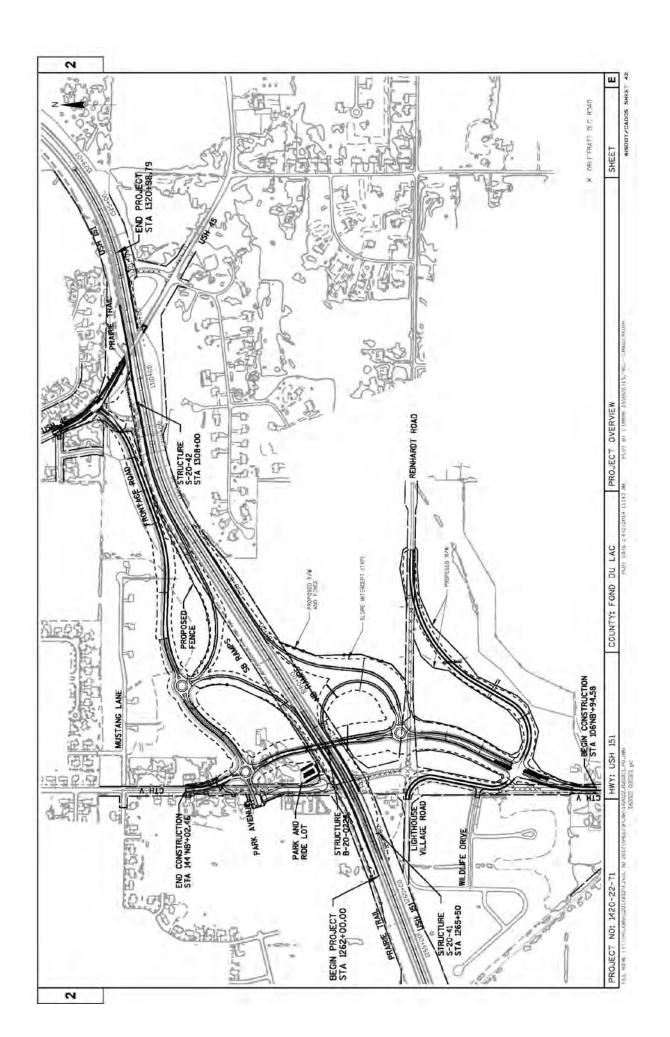
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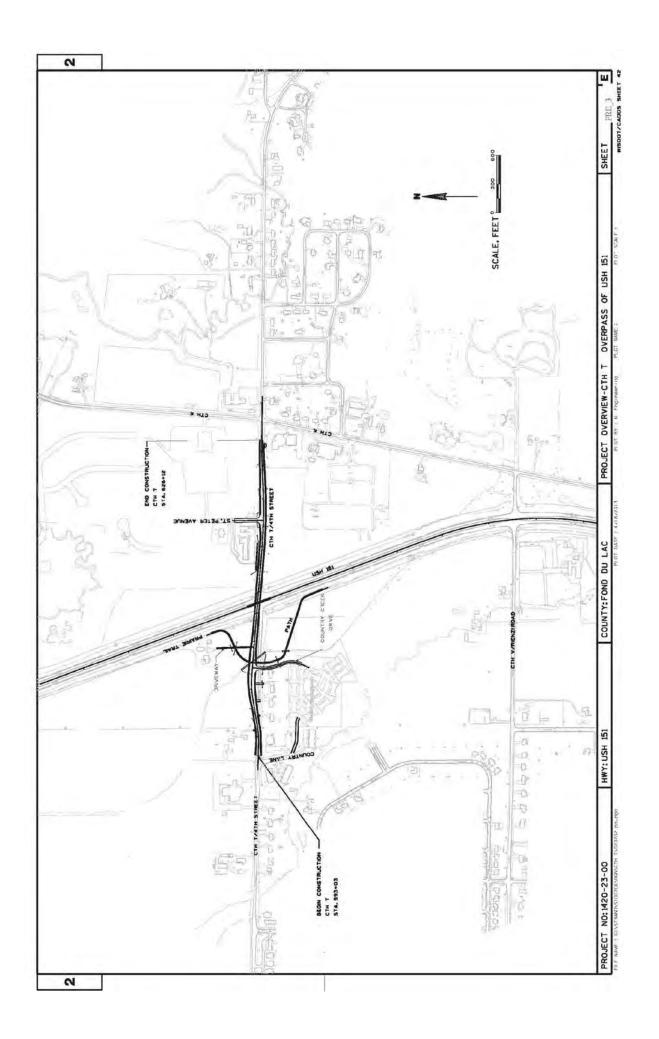
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Thank you for sharing your comments with us! Please reply and return by *July 11, 2014*

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